



## **SFERS Invests \$500 million with Generation Investment Management**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24, 2018 – The Retirement Board of the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System approved an investment of up to \$500 million in Generation's Global Equity Strategy fund at the April 11, 2018, Board meeting. Generation Investment Management was founded in 2004 by former Vice President Al Gore and David Blood, former head of Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Since then, Generation has earned high investment returns while incorporating environmentally sustainable investments to its portfolio.

"Generation Investment Management is delighted to be awarded a global equity mandate with the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System," the Generation team stated. "We look forward to the opportunity to work on their behalf as we continue to execute our mission of long-term sustainable investing."

The investment in Generation follows a February 24, 2018, motion passed by the SFERS Retirement Board that included adoption of a "carbon constrained" strategy for \$1 billion of SFERS passive public markets portfolio to reduce carbon emissions by 50% compared to the Russell 1000 Index. Generation's Global Equity Strategy is approximately 75% less carbon intensive than the MSCI World benchmark and has zero exposure to the Carbon Underground 200. Since its inception in 2004 Generation's Global Equity fund has earned an annualized net return of 12.5% compared to the MSCI World benchmark annualized return of 7.0%.

"We're thrilled to make this investment in Generation," said William Coaker, SFERS Chief Investment Officer. "The SFERS Retirement Board and staff recognize the harmful effects of climate change and the need to protect the planet for future generations. This investment in Generation enables us to earn high returns and bring about positive social impact."

### **About SFERS**

The SFERS Retirement Board oversees a \$24 billion investment fund and administers a defined benefit retirement plan for over 70,000 active and retired employees of the City and County of San Francisco. The Retirement Board and SFERS Staff are dedicated to securing, protecting and prudently investing the pension fund trust assets, and providing promised benefits to its members. For more information visit <https://mysfers.org/about-sfers>.